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I have two issues with the current Microsoft settlement:

1. Section III.E limits the disclosure of Commications Protocols to the
entities described in Section III.I. This is insufficient. A provision
must be made such that these Commications Protocols are fully documented
and available to anyone. Specifically, the current wording excludes open
source software projects.

2. A new provision regarding disclosure of file and filesystem formats
should be added. By doing this, the barrier for entry for competing
applications is lowered. This measure would not inhibit Microsoft's
ability to innovate since the file format of an application is seperate
from the features of the application. Additionally, disclosure filesystem
formats would promote Operating System competition by reducing the cost of
switching from one Operating System to another. Finally, this disclosure
must also be available anyone. Specifically, open source software
projects must be included.

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